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In re Application of:

Van Thillo et al.

Application No. 10/601,788

Art Unit: 1752

Filed: June 23, 2003

Examiner: Schilling, Richard L.

For: Novel Surfactants

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

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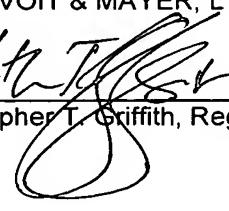
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